

Anecut at Iggalur Across Shimsha River

243. Sri G. MADE GOWDA (Kirugavalu).—

Will the Minister of State for Major Irrigation be pleased to state :—

(a) whether plans and estimates to construct an anecut at Iggalur across Shimsha river has been prepared ;

(b) if so, the cost of the project :

(c) the number of acres that will be irrigated under this Project;

(d) the reasons for not sanctioning the Project so far ?

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA Minister of State for Major Irrigation).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 132 lakhs.

(c) 10,700 acres (Cropped area).

(d) Clearance from the Government of India is awaited.

Supply of Softwood

266. Sri KAGODU THIMMAPPA (Sagar).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Forests be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of companies to whom the Government is supplying the softwood grown in the forest area of the State and the quantum and the rates thereof annually ;

(b) out of the companies that are supplied with softwood, the number of them that are running their factories for utilising the same in the State itself.

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that one of such companies, viz., WIMCO in misusing the wood ;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the lops and tops are unnecessarily wasted while softwoods are being removed by big companies; if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent the same;

(e) whether there are any demands from small industrialists for buying these lops and tops ?

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests).—

(a) Permission has been granted for the extraction of the softwood species to the following industries from the State forest area :—

Plywood Industries	...	9
Match Wood Industry	...	3
Packing Case Industries	...	4
Slate Frame Industry	...	1

The quantity of timber actually extracted by each company varies from year to year, depending upon the availability of the trees within the areas annually exploited.

Uniform rate in respect of all the softwood species are charged to all the Companies in respect of each wood based industry which varies from Rs. 33 to Rs. 143-75 per CMT depending upon the species and the industrial use concerned.

(b) Out of the various companies extracting softwood timbers (as noted above) all the companies except two have got their factories situated within the State. Western India Plywoods Ltd., Baliapatam and Western India Match Co., Bombay have got their factories outside the State at Baliapatam in Kerala State and at Madras and Bombay respectively.

(c) No.

(d) No. Government has already taken action to get all utilisable softwood timbers by the various industries by releasing such timbers at a uniform concession rate of Rs. 17-50 per cubic metre. In case, any avoidable wastage of such timbers is brought to the notice of the Government suitable action will be taken in the matter.

(e) Yes, a few requests have been received which are being attended to.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Next item—calling attention to matters of urgent public importance.

Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance

(i) re : *Failure of Students in 8th and 9th Standards at Government High School Holenarsipur.*

Sri H. D. DEVE GOWDA (Holenarsipur).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Education to the failure of students of Government Girls High School, Holenarsipur in VIII and IX standard examinations.